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SUBJECT: MAHGUB'S STATEMENT ON BOYCOTT OF OLYMPOS

REF: A. STATE 268837 B. CAIRO 11536

1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON SEPARATE ISSUE, EMBOFF SHOWED FONMIN FAHMY'S OFFICE DIRECTOR AL-BAZ UPI TICKER QUOTING ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT HEAD MUHGUB AS SAYING THAT REGIONAL BOYCOTT OFFICE IN EGYPT HAS REQUESTED BOYCOTTING OF OLYMPOS, GREEK FREIGHTER WHICH TRANSITED CANAL NOV 2 CARRYING CONSIGNMENT OF ROMANIAN CEMENT TO ISRAEL.

2. AL-BAZ IMMEDIATELY SAID THAT THIS STATEMENT WOULD MORE THAN LIKELY CAUSE "STINK" IN US. HE VOLUNTEERED CONFIRM TO US ASAP WHETHER EGYPTIAN OFFICE DID, IN FACT, MAKE SUCH REQUEST. HIS STRONG IMPRESSION IS THAT NO INITIATIVE WAS TAKEN IN EGYPT WHATSOEVER. HE WILL DOUBLECHECK WITH LOCAL BOYCOTT OFFICE HEAD IN ORDER TO MAKE CERTAIN "ONE BRANCH OF GOE HAS NOT RPT NOT ACTED INDEPENDENTLY OF ANOTHER (IE MFA)."

3. SINCE TOMORROW IS FRIDAY, AL-BAZ MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN CONTACTING RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL AT LOCAL BOYCOTT OFFICE.

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HOWEVER, HE UNDERSTANDS IMPLICATIONS OF ISSUE AND WE BELIEVE HE

WILL GET BACK TO US PROMPTLY.

4. COMMENT: OUR INITIAL REACTION, ECHOED BY AL-BAZ, IS THAT
GOE DID NOT RPT NOT INITIATE ANY SUCH REQUEST. IF, IN FACT,
SUCH REQUEST WAS MADE, IT WAS PROBABLY RESULT OF AN UNAUTHORIZED
ACTION BY LOCAL BOYCOTT OFFICE WHICH NEGLECTED CLEAR ITS
ACTION WITH MFA.
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